



July 15, 2020

Mr. Michael Montgomery, Deputy City Council Administrator
City of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
107 N. Nevada Ave. Ste. 300
RE: Downtown Development Authority open board positions

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority had three board openings in June 2020, due to the completion of one four-year term each by Antonio Rosendo and David Lux, and the completion of two, four-year terms by Dot Lischick.

Ordinance states that DDA board seats be filled by owners or representatives of business property within the DDA boundaries. Terms are for four years, and may be renewed for a second four-year term before exiting the board. DDA publicized this board opening on the DowntownCS.com website and through the Downtown e-newsletter, which reaches thousands of people, as well as direct outreach to community members. At its board meeting on July 15, 2020, the board of the DDA voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that

- Tony Rosendo be appointed to a second and final four-year term
- David Lux be appointed to a second and final four-year term
- Stella Hodgkins be appointed a first four-year term.

Ms. Hodgkins, representing property at 25 N. Cascade Ave., brings a wealth of experience in construction, environmental sustainability, community development and leadership and more, through her roles at GE Johnson Construction Company. Her resume and letter of interest is attached.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan Edmondson, DDA Executive Director

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25 June, 2020

Susan Edmonson
Downtown Partnership of CS
111 South Tejon St, Ste 703
Colo Springs, CO 80903

Dear Ms. Edmonson,

I'm writing to express my interest in joining the Downtown Development Authority Board, as a representative of GE Johnson. The DDA has made great strides in fostering economic growth and fruitful partnerships through creative funding, and it is exciting to see the Experience Downtown Plan unfold to create a destination for all. The DDA's mission has never been as important as it is now, as we sit in the midst of a pandemic, economic downturn, and social unrest. As a long-time downtown business, we understand the importance of a multi-faceted approach to make downtown the heart of the City - a destination that simultaneously meets the community's need for business, culture, and social interaction. This vibrancy strengthens our sense of community and entices the younger workforce that seeks the benefits of urban living. GE Johnson, and I, would be honored to support your efforts and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stella Hodgkins
Corporate Citizenship Manager
GE Johnson

Stella Hodgkins

Assoc. AIA, LEED-AP BD+C/O+M, GGP, WELL AP

Corporate Citizenship Manager

Stella is a sustainability professional with experience in architecture, third-party consulting, and construction. Having worked on over \$2 billion worth of sustainability projects, she has influenced the formation of high-performance building strategies across multiple certification systems, and policies that drive sustainable operations, with a focus on cost mitigation and return on investment. Stella currently manages corporate citizenship for GE Johnson to drive organizational change in environmental, social, and governance practices, with an emphasis on community engagement and philanthropy.

WORK HISTORY:

- GE Johnson Holding Co (2019-Present)
- GE Johnson Construction Co (2012-2019)
- Independent Consultant (2011-2012)
- Ambient Energy (2009-2011)
- OZ Architecture (2007-2009)
- CLTSA Architects (2005-2007)

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

- Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership (2018)
- CS Housing & Building Association Emerging Leader Program (2018)
- Leadership Denver (2016)
- El Pomar Leadership Plenty (2015)
- The Civic Advancement Seminar, El Pomar Forum for Civic Advancement (2011)
- El Pomar Board Governance (2011)
- Community Leadership Program, Center for Creative Leadership (2009)
- BFA, Interior Design (2002), Focus: Sustainable Design, Summa Cum Laude
2003 Merit Scholarship, Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
- Honors Chemistry, University of Colorado at Boulder

AFFILIATIONS/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

- 2020-2025 CO 4th Judicial District Nominating Commission
- 2020-Present Board of Directors - Secretary, GE Johnson Foundation
- 2019-Present CS Leadership Institute Selection Committee
- 2019-Present Board of Directors, The Alliance Center
- 2019-Present Board of Directors, Careers in Construction Colorado
- 2018-Present Secretary, City of Denver Office of Sustainability Advisory Council
- 2018-Present Board of Directors, Association of General Contractors of Colorado
- 2018-Present Pikes Peak United Way Community Impact Committee
- 2018-2019 Recycle Colorado Construction C&D Committee
- 2018-2019 Building Green Sustainable Construction Leaders Committee
- 2018-2019 Children's Hospital Foundation Balloon Ball Committee
- 2017-2019 CS Housing and Building Association Workforce Development Committee
- 2014-Present Facilitator, Colorado Living Building Challenge Collaborative
- 2012-2018 Ambassador, PPCD College Readiness and Success Program
- 2012-2017 Co-Founder and President, The Maxx Volleyball Club
- 2012-2013 Grade Level Coordinator, Prospect Ridge Academy
- 2011-2012 Board of Directors, Homeward Pikes Peak
- 2011-2012 Board of Directors - Secretary, Women's Resource Agency
- 2010-2013 President, Pinon Bluffs HOA
- 2010-2012 Chair, CO USGBC LEED for Neighborhood Development Committee
- 2009-Present Milton E. Proby Selection Committee
- 2009-Present Co-Chair, El Pomar ELD Asian Advisory Council
- 2009-2012 Chair, PPUW Quality of Life Indicators Built Environment Committee

- 2009-2012 Academy School District 20 Superintendent's Diversity Communication Council
- 2009-2011 Green Cities Coalition Transportation Working Group
- 2009-2010 Downtown Partnership Sustainability Committee
- 2008-2014 Academy School District 20 Green Team
- 2008-2012 Southern CO USGBC Education Committee
- 2008-2009 Convener, PPUW Quality of Life Indicators Environment Committee
- 2008-2009 Facilitator, Dream City 2020
- 2008-2009 Trinidad Downtown Planning Group
- 2007-2012 Co-Chair, CS Diversity Forum Everybody Welcome Entertainment Committee
- 2007-2009 Initiatives & Programs Committee, CS Diversity Forum

PUBLICATIONS:

- September 2014, CO-USGBC Blog, "Learning from Nature to Create a Child-Nurturing Living School"
- 2011, High Performance Case Studies (Best Practices) for multiple building project types
- June 2011, "High Performance Fire Stations: A Guide for the Building Professional," Published on behalf of the Governor's Energy Office, Co-author.
- November 2010, "Colorado Building Owner's Manual for High Performance Design," Published on behalf of the Governor's Energy Office, Co-author.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- **The State of Sustainability Rating Systems for Facility Managers, IFMA Pikes Peak, 2017:** LEED v4, WELL, LBC, and FitWel. Discussion on the biggest challenges facing Facility Managers today and considerations for building design that can ease future facility operations and maintenance.
- **Sustainability in Construction, Oklahoma State University, Industry Week, 2016:** State of sustainability in construction and why it matters, with a case study of the Pikes Peak Summit House pursuing full Living Building Challenge certification.
- **WELL Building Revolution Panel, CREJ Commercial Interior Architecture and Design Conference, 2015:** Panel discussion on how and why WELL is one of the most important opportunities facing our industry today.
- **Colorado Contractor's Challenge – Changing the Landscape of Construction Expectations, Rocky Mountain Green Conference 2015:** Challenging Colorado contractors to implement sustainability best practices criteria on every project.
- **Implementing the WELL Building Standard, Green Schools Summit 2015:** Panel presentation on how teams can improve human health and well-being and reduce the healthcare costs associated with chronic diseases, by placing people at the heart of design, construction, operations and development decisions.
- **Adaptive Re-Use and LEED, AIA Wyoming Summer Conference 2014:** Best practices for adaptive reuse projects to create high-performance LEED certified buildings.
- **Living Building Challenge Knowledge Bar, Rocky Mountain Green Conference 2014:** Overview and interactive sessions on LBC petals.
- **Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Building Presentation & Tour, Rocky Mountain Green Conference 2014:** Construction challenges on the re-skin and upgrade of a fully-occupied building and tour showcasing the sustainability and energy strategies achieved through LEED Gold certification.
- **LEED-ND Interactive Workshop, Salida, CO:** Real life application of LEED ND principles to Salida, CO, presented at the Congress for New Urbanism's Smart Growth in Small Town and Rural Communities Workshop.
- **High Performance Building Workshops, Colorado-wide:** Regional workshops on high performance design, provided to building professionals on behalf of the Governor's Energy Office.
- **LEED and the Integrated Design Process - Opportunities, Roles, and Advantages, Rocky Mountain Green Conference 2010:** Using the integrated design process to help reduce design and construction changes, increase sustainability, increase buy-in and support, and achieve a successful project on-time and within budget.
- **Measuring Quality of Life in the Built Environment - A Collaborative Effort, Rocky Mountain Green Conference 2009:** A look at how providing context, measurement, and indices for the Pikes Peak region enables citizens and decision makers to address sustainability, competitiveness, and the health of the community.
- **Living Building Challenge 2.0 - A Visionary Path to a Restorative Future, Colorado & California:** An overview of the Living Building Challenge and how it attempts to raise the bar for restorative design ideals.
- **Greenwashing, Colorado:** An introduction to greenwashing, how to identify when something is greenwashed, and how to make sure products are truly sustainable.
- **Biophilic Design, Colorado:** An introduction to the principles of biophilic design and examples of how to incorporate these principles into building design and operation.